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5 Similarly the method also comprises providing a second interface to the protected storage medium to enable an operating system present software program access to the protected storage medium. In one embodiment, the method comprises enabling a pre-operating system software program to pass information to and receive information from an operating system present software program or another pre-operating system software program by accessing a protected storage medium via the first interface. In another embodiment, the method comprises enabling an operating system present software program to pass information to and receive information from a pre-operating system software program or another operating system present software program by accessing the protected storage medium via the second interface. The method may be implemented on any personal computing device.